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MARGINAL COLUMN By MEIR MINDLIN

JUXT as a person has an image of himself, of which he is more or less aware, so perhaps may a people have a self-image. Again, as with individuals, the self-image may not, perhaps usually does not coincide with a stranger's or foreigner's view of the person or people. It is pretty safe to assume that most individuals (and peoples) take a favourable view of themselves, and have a favourable view of themselves taken by strangers or foreigners. But then there are individuals who know well enough that they have drawbacks and defects, limitations and lacunae, and that they do not discuss only with intimates, of course. Considerations of this sort were brought to mind by a series of almost fortuitous meetings with Diaspora Jews this week.

WHEN a people is engaged upon a great national task, fighting for its life, undertaking a dangerous migration or building a state, it needs myths to fortify its will and bolster its courage, an image of itself that makes the end concrete. As time proceeds the image changes with changing needs, and eventually, when the society has achieved a measure of stability, "the need to live by" can be replaced by "a character to be known by." We have reasonable internal political stability by the standards of our area, but we are still far from the requisite social stability and security. So we still need our national myths to unite the ethnic tribes and political clubs and sours, and to dramatize our position and problems for the outside world and for Diaspora Jewry. But here are already purposes for which we need more than that.

At one of the encounters referred to above a group of Israelis was discussing the false-alarm call-up, the first signs of electioneering excesses, and a number of other local phenomena in the acid, self-accusing tone we are all familiar with, and which is doubtless a defense mechanism against local pressures and well on the way to becoming a local characteristic. But the tone changed when an English-speaking Jewish tourist joined the company. The shift was not to self-admiration and boasts, but to an attempt to present a more balanced view of the local scene.

THERE was a teacher present who works in the Jerusalem Corridor, and she had been telling of some of the things that went on at her school, where the pupils were new immigrants, children, and proceeded at a snail's pace insofar as they proceeded at all, children sent to the headmaster just slipped into the conveyor belt for a thrashing, etc. It took careful questioning by the visitor to be reminded that the children received nourishing hot lunches that they did after all spend the day in school, that they were all speaking Hebrew and would know how to read and write and reckon before they were through — all of which contrasted sharply with their immediate past.

THE whole point is that it was so hard to focus on that balanced and objective view of the situation. The propagandas aimed abroad and our masochistic self-delusion, between the myth-makers and their debunkers, there is very little, or nothing at all. Between the partial truths of idealization and cynicism lies some sort of white truth, and it is those that should be interested in exchanging with Jews abroad, that is, with those who are interested in knowing it. An increasing number of Jewish intellectuals seems to be coming over to have a look, we are told, at the real Jewish professionals; they may not know much about Israel, but they have a good sense of reality, and their questions and probing help us adjust our own focus, looking both inward and outward. From this "cultural" fete, I am beginning to really believe in the possibility of a vital permanent bridge to the Diaspora, with heavy two-way traffic. If I may put it in the form of a very corny slogan, we need real bonds, not just as Israel Bonds, and the first step involves balanced self-examination.

Jerusalem, April 13.

'Call-Up' Conclusions Put Off to Tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent

The Cabinet on Sunday decided to postpone until a special session on Tuesday its final decision on the conclusions to be drawn from the investigation into the call-up broadcast on April 1. The decision was taken after a three-and-a-half hour meeting, devoted entirely to this question. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Alef Hayim Laskov, participated in part of the session.

The Cabinet spokesman said after the meeting that there was to be a complete news blackout on the Ministers' discussions since the issue is considered as though it were *sub judice* until the concluding meeting tomorrow.

He added that the session was interrupted only for lack of time, and that Tuesday's meeting is to be a continuation of yesterday's Cabinet.

The delegation includes Mr. S. Yamada, Deputy Director of the Economic Division of the Japanese Foreign Ministry; Mr. K. Tachibana, Director of the Manufacturers' Association; Mr. N. Kato, Director of the Japanese Import-Export Bank; Vice-President of the Purchasing Cooperative for Agricultural Products.

They were accompanied by Mr. Shalom Levin, Economic Counsellor in the Israeli Legation in Tokyo.

The delegation was met at the airport by representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Development, and Commerce and Industry, and representatives of the Japanese Legation in Israel. (Times)

TASS Report on Israel Plans 'Crude Fiction'

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem on Sunday termed as "crude fiction" the two stories put out by the Bulgarian news agency — in both cases quoting TASS, the Soviet news agency — that Israel is preparing to attack the Arab

states. The spokesman called "fantastic" the first story, based on a TASS report from New Delhi, to the effect that Foreign Minister Golda Meir had "concerned with Washington and Paris a plan by which Israel is to launch a military operation against the U.A.R. and occupy the west bank of the Jordan and the Sinai peninsula."

The other story, this time put out by the Bulgarian news agency, that Israel had contacts in Istanbul for "decisive military action against the Arabs, primarily against Kassam."

Rehovot Citrus Fete Opened by Luz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — This town wore a gala atmosphere of light and colour for the opening of the citrus festival here.

The committee held sessions on April 3 (Friday), and on Saturday night until early Sunday morning, when the report, which it adopted unanimously, was presented to the Cabinet.

In such an event, there would be no dismissals and no resignations.

The call-up broadcast of April 1, which took the form of a general mobilization order, was described the next day by the Army spokesman as a "regrettable error" liable to cause panic within the country and misunderstanding abroad.

The announcement was made following a meeting on April 2 of the Minister of Defense, the Chief of Staff and the heads of the General Staff Divisions.

Mr. Ben-Gurion appointed a special inquiry committee consisting of Messrs. Y. S. Shavit (chairman), M. Nacht and Y. Aviad. The committee held sessions on April 3 (Friday), and on Saturday night until early Sunday morning, when the report, which it adopted unanimously, was presented to the Cabinet.

Final Conclusions

The Cabinet then authorized Mr. Ben-Gurion to draw his conclusions as soon as possible. This was, however, amended when the matter was brought before the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, which decided that the final conclusions would be referred back to the Cabinet for final approval.

Mr. Lazarick, Mr. Ben-Gurion and the other members of the General Staff officers.

The Cabinet committee, which is understood to have held numerous consultations on the matter, and the Cabinet was expected to reach its final conclusions on Sunday.

The weekly Cabinet meeting was devoted to a discussion of the April 1 broadcast calling for a general mobilization.

The Cabinet heard a report by the Army Chief of Staff who also answered questions. The matter was also reported on the news.

It was decided to formulate the Cabinet's conclusions in the matter at a second meeting after the Ministers had studied the pertinent material.

Rain Possible

The weatherman last night forecast the possibility of showers this morning, especially in the North.

Belsen Anniversary

BELSEN (Reuter). — Mr. Heinrich Kopf, Lower Saxony's Minister of the Interior, said here on Sunday that what happened at Belsen concentration camp "was only a part of the most monstrous crimes, at least in number which ever occurred in human history."

He was speaking at a ceremony marking the 14th anniversary of the liberation of Belsen concentration camp by British troops.

Many foreign visitors and diplomats from Israel, Britain and the U.S. were among several hundred persons at the ceremony.

The ceremony, which will take place today, April 13, 1959, at 4:30 p.m. in the Harry Fischbach Electrical Engineering Building at Technion City.

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Municipality Talks Open in Cyprus

NICOSIA (Reuter). — The Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, on Sunday, met with Greek and Turkish representatives on the problem of municipalities. The Greek and Turkish Consuls attended the meeting.

The question of the separation of the municipalities has been deadlocked because the Greeks insist that separation should be "functional and temporary," while the Turks interpret the cause as meaning that separation should be geographical and permanent.

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Social & Personal**Israel Woman Discovers Father Through Restitution Claim**

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Friday received the study mission of the International Union for Child Welfare. The mission was composed of representatives from France, U.S.A., Canada, Germany, Switzerland, the U.S.S.R., West Germany and Yugoslavia.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion on Sunday received to tea at their home in Jerusalem the following group of Bond leaders from the U.S.—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin K. of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Adolf L. Hamburger of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Engelmann of Los Angeles; Mrs. Marilyn Costner of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Krinsky of Chicago; Rabbi and Mrs. David de Sola Pool of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lindau of New York; Mr. and Mrs. George Goldfarb of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tarter of Chicago; Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Friedman of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gittelman of Fal-River, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Goldfarb of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenberg of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lesser of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Max of Brooklyn; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reiss of New York, as well as a group of U.S.A. leaders from the U.S.—Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon of Buffalo, N.Y.; Mr. Saul Horowitz of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Max Joffe of Butler, Penn.; Mrs. Morton Rosenfeld of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Victor of Buffalo, N.Y.

The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, on Sunday received the members of the International Seminar of Socialist Youth.

The 11th National Convention of the Association of Hospital Directors has elected the following officers: Dr. A. Abramovich, Director of Tel Aviv Municipal Health Services; Dr. Y. Hoffner, Director of the Kfar Saba Meir Hospital; Dr. B. Harel, Dr. K. Director of Assaf Harofeh, Ramat Yishai; Dr. K. Maman, Director-General, Hadassah Medical Organization; Dr. E. Freudenthal, Director, Government Hospital, Jaffa; Dr. A. Reichenhach, Director, Malbin Hospital, Shaar Menashe; and Dr. Y. Shatkal, Director, Beilinson Hospital, Petah Tikva.

Dr. Rabinovitz, Director of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York, will lecture on "Problems in Cancer Therapy" at 7:45 p.m. today, in Lecture Hall A, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

A clinical display presented by the doctors of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Hospital Department of Internal Medicine will be held at the Jerusalem Medical Academy hall at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday night. Doctors are invited.

YUGOSLAV SHIP CANCELS CALL

HAIFA.—The Yugoslav passenger ship, s.s. Yugoslavia, which was due to call here today (Monday) has canceled its call because it has taken on 100 tourists, most of them from Germany, who were scheduled to arrive in Haifa after entering Israel at Mandelbaum Gate. It is understood that the cancellation is connected with present relations between Yugoslavia and West Germany.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Dr. Hameiri, 71 Bethlehem, 6157; Dr. Halperin, 22 Hananya, 61758; Dr. Hirsch, 22 Hananya, 61758; Dr. Nissim, 22 Hananya, 61758; Dr. Yehuda, 23573, Avraham, 9 Erlanger, nr. Central Bus Station, 61758.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Eisen, 5 Shimshon, 26748; Dr. Har-Evan, 26 Sheinkin, 26411; Dr. Weiss, 73 Tzefanya, 40; Howard Zinn, 26400; Levinsky, 170; Hertz, 56101; RISHON: Malal, 101; Ribak, Kikar Shalom, 1A; TEL AVIV: Dr. Shabtai, 26748; Dr. Yerushalmi, 27 November, 4072.

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LYDDA FLIGHTS

MONDAY ARRIVALS: R.E.A. 136, from London, Rome and Athens; 2000; Alitalia 40, from Rome and Athens; 2200; I.A.T.A. 100, from N.Y. Paris, Zurich and Athens; 2340; Sabena 17, from Brussels, Vienna and Athens; 2340; Air France 100, from Paris; 2340; Pan American 6000, from Tokyo; Olympic 614, from London, Paris, Rome, Athens and Nicosia; 0040 (Tue.); K.L.M. 837, from Amsterdam; 2340; Swissair 12, from Zurich; 0700; Cyprus Air 32, to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome and London; 1200; Air France 137, to Rome and Paris; 1045; Alitalia 453 to Rome; 1225; El Al 415; 112 to Athens and Vienna; 1400; El Al 208, to Amsterdam; 1100; Air France 11, from Paris to Kano, Lagos-Benin and Johannesburg; 0600 (Tue.); Air France 192, to Teheran, Karachi, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila and Tokyo; 0150 (Tue.).

DEPARTURES: Swissair 123, to Athens and Zurich; 0700; Cyprus Air 32, to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome and London; 1200; Air France 137, to Rome and Paris; 1045; Alitalia 453 to Rome; 1225; El Al 415; 112 to Athens and Vienna; 1400; El Al 208, to Amsterdam; 1100; Air France 11, from Paris to Kano, Lagos-Benin and Johannesburg; 0600 (Tue.); Air France 192, to Teheran, Karachi, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila and Tokyo; 0150 (Tue.).

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5,000 to Set Out from Haifa On 160 Km. 4-Day March to Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Nearly 5,000 confident footloggers, who were scheduled to start out on their 160-km.-long "four-day march" to Jerusalem at 3 a.m. this morning (Monday), were given a V.I.P. send-off at the city stadium last night.

They included 2,800 soldiers and about 1,000 male civilians, mostly 20, who had taken the longest route during the four-day event. The place of honour in the colourful parade was given to five Dutchmen, aged from 30 to 55, all veterans of the "veterans" march in their own country.

The biggest contingent came from the Armed Corps, wearing their black-and-green crash helmets, followed by numerous red-bereted paratroopers, full of vim and confidence. Outstanding among the mass of khaki were five dozen sailors, in gleaming white hats determined to hold their own with the landlubbers on the road between Haifa and Jerusalem.

Among the civilians, the 24 Arab Pioneer Youths, who took third place last year, were the most distinctive, with their blue shirts, white kerchiefs, red flags. Other civilian groups, including members of the refineries staff in white overalls and safety helmets, and contingents from many firms.

El Al Dan and Neher among them — kibbutzim, villages, the Bank Leumi and student groups, Headgear ranged from wide straw hats to light blue berets.

The men, obviously proud that they were taking the longest way to the Capital, came smartly to attention as Ahuf Tzahak Rabin, O.C. Commander-in-Chief, Mayor Ahuf Chaim, Gen. Aluf Y. Kapran, commander-in-chief of the march, and Ahuf-Moshav Y. Geva, the head of the Army Training Command, entered the stadium.

Hebrew Commands

The Dutchmen lagged behind a little, unable to understand the Hebrew commands, but soon followed their fellow marchers' movements.

Ahuf Rabin said that this fifth annual march was aimed at training Israelis to walk in the machine age, at giving them a first-hand acquaintance with their country and emphasizing the close bonds between every town and hamlet and the Capital.

The Mayor brought the town's greetings and ended with the traditional blessing: "Go forth in peace and return in peace."

Mr. W. van der Laaken, from The Hague, the eldest of the Dutch marchers, read a message of congratulations from the Royal Dutch Association for Physical Training. He expressed his pleasure at meeting again some of the Israelis who had marched at Nijmegen and at the opportunity which the present event afforded for cementing the friendly relations between the two countries. He wore the Nijmegen Medal with "15" in gold numerals on his chest.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Israel Ropponen, for the U.S., after a six-day visit in connection with his investments in Israel, (by El Al).

Liberian-Israel Amity Pact Signed

MONROVIA (AP). — A treaty of friendship was signed here last Thursday between Liberia and Israel by Secretary of State M. Dulky and the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Hanan Yaver.

Additional treaties will be concluded between the two countries, including a maritime trade, on the setting up of consulates, and on extradition.

Father Brands Son With Iron Bar

TEL AVIV. — A 34-year-old man, who was arrested late Saturday night for breaking his 11-year-old son or 11, had a heated iron bar through the police that "any son acted like a thief and I won't stand for such a thing in my house."

The screams of the child aroused the neighbours in Kfar Shalem, to call the police. When detained, the father said he had noticed IL 20 missing from his cash box and was sure his son was to blame. He decided to teach the boy a lesson. When his son came home, the father grabbed him with one hand and with the other applied a heated iron bar to the sole of the child's feet.

The boy was taken to hospital by ambulance for first aid treatment. (Itim)

Gifts for Soldiers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All soldiers participating in this year's Independence Day parades, as well as soldiers in hospitals, will receive a gift from the Tel Aviv Municipality in co-operation with the Soldiers Welfare Committee. Mr. Yosef Baratz, Chairman of the Committee, told the press conference here on Sunday.

Scores of Independence Day parades are planned for the soldiers, Mr. Baratz stated.

Present at the conference was Mr. F. Moroz, who is active in work for the Committee in the U.S.

Larry and Marilyn Frisch

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Tel Aviv Adopts IL 50m. Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The composition of the city's IL 50m. budget for 1959/60 was finally agreed on Sunday by a 16 to 12 vote of the Municipal coalition and the Progressive Party Councillor against the votes of the Opposition.

The City Council session was devoted to discussing the allocations for expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

The major expenditure items will IL 745,000 for education,

IL 550,000 for sanitation and hygiene, IL 450,000 health,

IL 450,000 water.

The IL 50m. budget totalled IL 45,725,000.

Nearly all the Opposition

councillors took the platform to voice their criticism of the various allocations.

Mr. E. Schechter (Mapai), the leader of the Opposition, hit out at "the extreme increase" for administration which reached IL 100,000.

He also attacked the Municipality for

administration which reached IL 100,000.

Mr. Leah Ogen

then said that before divorcing her husband, she would pay the fine.

An additional Pound was given by a court clerk, Mr. Yosef Bahat. (Itim.)

Magistrate Pays Woman's Fine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 25-year-old mother of five burst into tears on Sunday when the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court fined her IL 1 for smashing four windows in the Social Welfare Office.

"How can I pay the fine

when I don't have a pita to my name?" cried Mrs. Simha Amitai of the Haifaite Quarter.

She said that before divorcing her husband, she

promised to place her children in an institution so she could look for work.

"When they didn't keep

their promise, I kept wild."

Magistrate Leah Ogen

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Blitz 'Brain' Behind Jail Break Bid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rafael ("Tommy") Blitz, the bespectacled piano student who is serving a life term for the murder of Yaakov Platell outside the Zofar Cinema here in 1957, was "the brains" behind the planned break from the Ramle jail last week. It is learned from the prison authorities.

The other prisoners involved:

Gunter Sommerfeld, now

serving a life term for the

murder of a newspaper vendor in Haifa; Zion Yedid, serving a 10-year term for a series of burglaries and a previous escape from prison; and Yaakov Premerling, who is awaiting trial on charges of committing a number of burglaries in Je-

rusalem.

The rise had earlier been

agreed upon between the

Minister of Finance and the Citrus Marketing Board. It is due to take effect on January 1.

The basic family allowance

will be IL 8 per month, with

IL 4 a month for each child.

The allowance will not be

paid for wives who work or

for children up to 18 years of

age who are employed.

The allowance will be linked to the cost of living.

Other clauses of the agree-

ment affect absenteeism and

severance pay.

Mr. David Sharer, of the

Seif Agency and Sons, trave-

lal agency, declared that

"we shall follow the example

of the achievements made by

Israel in such a short time."

He called for increased

absenteeism and ex-

portation.

Mr. Eliyahu Sela, of the

Central Committee of the

Builders and Contractors

Association, has approved its

Executive's agreements with

the Building Workers Union.

The Jerusalem Post learned

from the Foreign Minis-

try and El Al at the King

David Hotel in Jerusalem

yesterday. They are here as

guests of El Al which in-

augurated twice-weekly flights

to Cyprus last Thursday.

Greeting the guests at the

luncheon, the Director of the

Foreign Ministry, Mr. Harry

Lovine, pointed to the simi-

lar backgrounds of the two

countries in their struggle

for independence and ex-

pressed the hope for close

relations between the two

countries.

Mr. Eliyahu Sela, of the

Seif Agency and Sons, trave-

lal agency, declared that

"we shall follow the example

of the achievements made by

Israel in such a short time."

He called for increased

absenteeism and ex-

portation.

Mr. Eliyahu Sela, of the

Central Committee of the

Builders and Contractors

Association, has approved its

Executive's agreements with

the Building Workers Union.

The Jerusalem Post learned

from the Foreign Minis-

try and El Al at the King

David Hotel in Jerusalem

yesterday. They are here as

guests of El Al which in-

augurated twice-weekly flights

to Cyprus last Thursday.

Greeting the guests at the

luncheon, the Director of the

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IT is purely accidental of course that one week after the International Farmers' Conference in Jerusalem a Biblical SCHOLARSHIP CONGRESS should take place in the same hall. But it is no accident that the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel form the special subject of the conference opening today. In these concluding days of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations, both the prophet of doom and the prophet of hope will attract the attention of scholars and laymen alike. Some 40 papers by leading Israeli scholars will be presented at the Congress, but what is more remarkable is the fact that over 2,000 people from all walks of life will gather for four days to listen and to learn.

UNREST IN CHINA

'Secret Parliament' to Meet This Week

By O.M. GREEN

LONDON (O.P.N.S.) — The session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which will run concurrently with that of the National People's Congress, beginning on Friday, may attract less notice than China's official Parliament; but for its influence on the daily life of the Chinese people it is of much greater importance.

The Chinese Communists are adept in taking away with one hand what they appear to give with the other — the agricultural resources in which, after having been given to their own land, the peasants were herded together as State serfs, is the most familiar aspect in instance — and in such policies the Consultative Conference is a useful instrument. The Congress is elected and at least some has shown the Chinese Communists a large underground was an elected body and never had been.

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trade and calling, and from non-Communist but progressive parties. Thus Li Chai-wei, president of the Revolutionary Kuomintang faction, is perhaps the most prominent member. The chairman has from the beginning been Premier Chou En-lai.

More than one Peking Radio stressed that the Consultative Conference is "not an organ of State." Technically that may be true; but this is precisely what it is. The Chinese Communists are adept in taking away with one hand what they appear to give with the other — the agricultural resources in which, after

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Mongol Rising

In Xian last May there was a serious rising among the Mongols near Lanxhou; the people there dwelt on the border of China. The cause is always the same. The promised autonomous government is a sheer farce, all power in the tribal council being usurped by Chinese Party men appointed as advisers, while the tribesmen sign on the dotted line.

THE DALAI LAMA

All over Tibet silver prayer wheels spin for the Dalai Lama. To the devout he is the 14th reincarnation of Chenrezig, Tibet's presiding deity — revealed by a miraculous vision in the blue lake waters.

The theory is that when a Dalai Lama dies, his spirit at once enters the body of a new-born child. So all male children born at the moment of his passing are eligible for consideration.

Tibet's next God-King. In 1935, two years after the 13th Dalai Lama died, Tibet's Regent saw a vision of a turquoise-tiled monastery under a hill in the clear waters of lake Chorkorgye. Nearby stood a modest house with upswep

t eaves. A second vision semi search parties journeying to the lake found the source, there found the Regent's dream landscape. Inside the house with tippled eaves was a two-year-old boy who identified articles belonging to the 13th Dalai Lama. On his body were the sacred marks of rebirth.

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What happened in this case has not been made known. A brief summary of a report to the National Committee of the Consultative Conference to be discussed in the coming session claims that "the local people's confidence and trust in the Party" is solid, and there is much criticism of "subversive minor groups" who aim at sowing dissension and wrecking the laws of the State and the Party."

But further mention of "a call to all peoples to turn their backs on the ideology of exploitation, to struggle actively against nationalists, join the People's Communes and take part in healthy collective labour" suggests that the disaffection of the Uighurs goes deeper than the northwestern branch is willing to admit.

MOVING MOMENT

It was a deeply moving moment for Tibet. Suddenly a babbling boy becomes "the Great Ocean of Wisdom, the Holy One, the Immortal, Mighty in Speech, of Excellent Intellect and the One of Absolute Wisdom." His long and arduous training begins when he is separated from his family and installed in the vast frowning Potala Palace with its complex of dark corridors. Instead of games with children, the young Dalai Lama must study the scriptures with elderly priests and mystics. He ages overnight.

I can personally testify that the 14th Dalai Lama is a spiritual leader of considerable qualities. During his visit to Israel in 1956 I attended — along with many western diplomats and correspondents — not one but two of his prayer meetings in New Delhi. What took us back that second time to hear him preach in a language we could not un-

derstand? Why, along with devout Tibetans in pyjamas and striped aprons, did we press forward to receive a red knotted scarf as the token of his blessing?

But for the Dalai Lama this was also a time of rapturous freedom, which today he must look back on with poignancy. For the first time in his life this youth in the dragon-embroidered gold brocade robes was able at discreet intervals to be a human being as well as a deity. He laughed until he cried over a Dean and Lewis comedy film, bought Swiss watches from Calcutta's market and chuckled over conjuring tricks. When the time came for his departure he delayed — and delayed until his three weeks' visit lengthened into nearly three months.

Days of intensely sexual and heart-rending negotiations followed as Indian Prime Minister invited Mr. Chou En-lai back from Moscow where he'd gone to preside over the obsequies of Hungary. Finally Mr. Nehru — in an agony of conscience versus politics which continues today where Tibet is concerned — prevailed on his young guest to follow the path of duty. In return he persuaded the Chinese authorities to allow their communistic reforms and withdraw most of their troops, which they did — temporarily.

AT THE CINEMA

Zizi's Boys

Charming garrons (Orion, Jlem) is really good French comedy, without high-flowing ambitions but with a sprinkle of earthy wisdom. Zizi Jeanmaire proves again that true sex-appeal can do without curves; and her invertebrate men who like to make conversation with the same sex will enjoy this film enormously. Of the parsons, I liked the fat, red-haired industrialist, who is almost tragicomic (I regret having been unable to identify the actor), even more than Zizi's most competent partners, Gelin and Vidal. The ballet cannot have cost the fraction of a Hollywood ballet scene, but the choreography is excellent, organically whittled down to essentials.

Plastic Surgery

Le miroir deux faces (Tel Or, Jlem) is all about a plain woman who meets her face redens with disastrous consequences for everyone concerned. Michele Morgan is excellent as usual, although her "before treatment" nose is not very credible. Bourvil, usually a funny-man plays the husband as a picture of outraged mediocrity, while Yvan Desnol remains somewhat colourless as his handsome rival. The heavy symbolism and the unlikely lead, director Cayatte's trademark, may not be to everyone's liking — but the film is worth seeing.

Overage Sheriff

The Law and Jack Wade

(Eden, Jlem) is a better-than-average "adult" western if one likes that kind of picture. Robert Taylor, as the robber turned honest sheriff, is getting a bit old for the western circuit and cannot emulate Gary Cooper's "High Noon" performance. Richard Wid-

mark, after a heroic spell as a villain, Patricia Owens supplies moderate love interest. Of course, Taylor wins in the end, but not until a good bit of steppe has turned technicolor red.

Bridal Game

La Loi (Cinema Hod), directed by Ben Dori, is based on Roger Vailland's controversial book about Southern Italy which gained the 1967 Goncourt Prize. The title is taken from the name of a notorious game in which the winner becomes the "patron," the boss who is allowed to inflict all sorts of humiliations on the players, and it symbolizes the themes of the work with two of the main characters, Don Cesare, the feudal lord of the village, and Matteo Brigante, the terror of the district, fighting out to the bitter end their claim for domination while two love stories, one happy and one sad, also reflect the fight for domination.

I do not know how faithfully the film follows the original book but it is a strange picture, complicated, involved, difficult to follow and rarely attention-grabbing or convincing. The most compelling moments are those in which the game is actually played. It is a grim and sordid picture which is painted of life in the Italian South, although progress and development are promised in the character of a young agronomist who is sent to the village and who is to marry the heroine and take his place in Don Cesare's house.

The featured players are

Gina Colibrigida, Martine Mercuri, Pierre Brasseur, Yves Montand (very good).

Mario Mastroianni, Raf Matioli and Paolo Stoppa.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

Wrong Attitude to Boycott

AVERRING that the Arabs themselves are surprised at the huge success of their anti-Israel boycott activities, Al Hanashem (Mapam) appeals to world opinion to lift its voice against Morocco's anti-Jewish discrimination and to give the right of residence to Israel's "stateless" citizens.

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Hamodia (World Aguda) writes that the discovery of faulty elections registries calls for at least a prompt's extension of the deadline.

Davar (Histadrut) states that it is up to the authorities to investigate the reasons and rectify the errors, and that elections cannot take place unless and until the registers are complete.

The paper also greets the opening of the Citrus Festival at Rehovot and recalls that the government has undertaken to stand by the industry and see to its continued development.

Haboker (General Zionist) adds its voice to that of other papers stating that nothing but a Parliamentary inquiry committee on the circum-

stances of the radio call-up can give true satisfaction or adequately explain the matter.

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There is no longer exists in the Egyptian Press a single newspaper which could really constitute a menace to the new regime, and all the press has been instrumental of propaganda for the regime.

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